Subject: coin valuation

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The Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway
New York City.

Dear Sir,

There has just come into my hands a few coins the present value of which I would like to know, if you can identify them from the very meagre description I am about to give.

I have endeavoured to take pencil rubbings of them but the result has been very unsatisfactory. One is a small silver coin alleged to be a Drachm bearing on the convex side the head I am informed of Alexander the Great, though my own impression is that it is the portrait of Heracles. The other side which is concave has if I mistake not, the statue of Zeus seated, with an eagle upon his extended right arm, a staff in his left and what seems to be the name of Alexander behind the throne. There is a hieroglyphic of some sort unintelligible to me under the throne and another beneath the eagle. I regret that the surface of the coin being concave-convex made a rubbing so difficult. Could you tell me if such a coin is relatively rare and what would be a reasonable price to pay for it?

Another coin which interests me is said to be Persian of the Sassanian Period about 240 A.D. It bears on one side the portrait of a king "probably Artaxerxes" with an inscription which I am informed is Pehlavi. On the other side is the burning altar of the Zoroastrians with a priest on either side and another inscription in Pehlavi character. Could you inform me if this also is relatively rare, and what is its value?

The third rubbing on the accompanying page is that of an alleged Arab coin used at Bagdad about 1000 years ago. I wonder if you could identify it for me.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,

A. E. Suthers

December 24th, 1934

Mr. A. E. Suthers
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Dear Sir:

I am returning, herewith, your rubbings of coins, with notes appended thereto. None of these pieces are rare, and the lot could be bought at from one to two dollars.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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